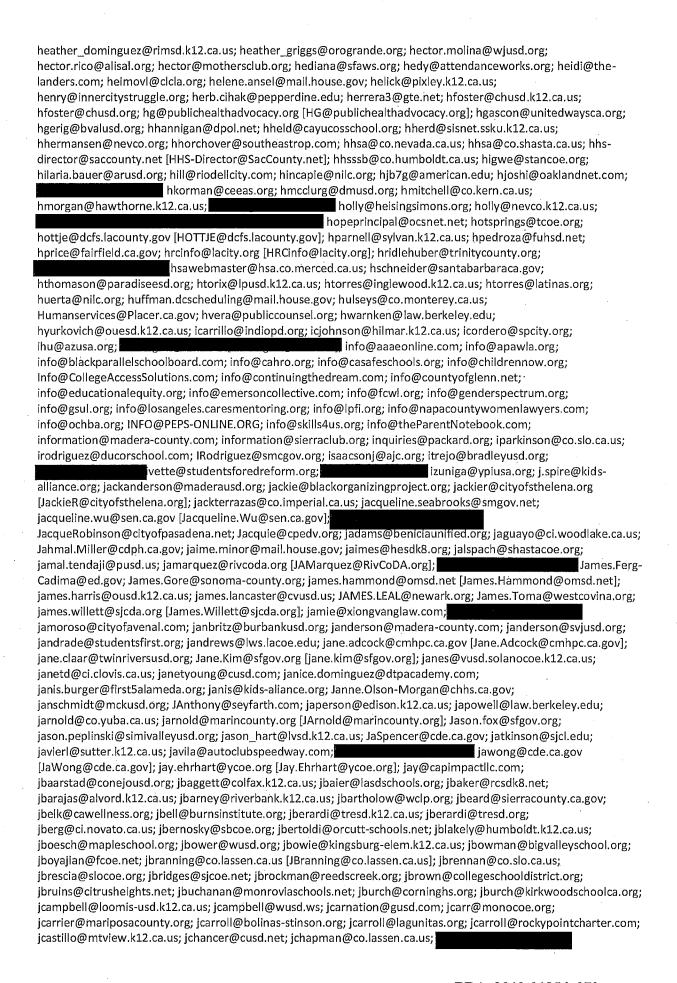
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Dear Colleagues:

Yesterday Attorney General Kamala D. Harris issued In School + On Track 2016, her fourth annual statewide report on elementary school truancy and chronic absence in California.

The 2016 report, part of the work of the Department's Bureau of Children's Justice, finds that an estimated 210,000 K-5 students in California are chronically absent - missing 10% of the school year - making up 7.3% of elementary school students in the state. The report also confirms earlier research on the disproportionately high rates of absenteeism among African American, Native American, low-income, special education and highly mobile elementary school students, and highlights how school suspensions similarly have an outsized impact on many of these same groups of students.

The good news is that significant progress is being made, with California's education leaders at schools, districts, and county offices of education stepping up to improve elementary school attendance. The report highlights a number of effective efforts taking place at school districts and in regions throughout the state, and outlines ways parents, districts, policymakers, and advocates can work together to ensure that children are in school and on track to meet their full potential.

Below are some of the main findings from the report, which you can read in its entirety online at: http://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2016. A fact sheet, images for sharing on social media, and sample tweets are included as well. You can also download other graphs and images from the report, as the vast majority are downloadable.

Please share the link to the report and the attached fact sheet with your networks and on social media with the hashtag #EveryKidCounts.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback.

Thank you for your commitment to serving all of California's children.

Best,

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SAMPLE TWEETS:

.@AGKamalaHarris truancy report shows CA making progress, school districts committing to improvement www.oag.ca.gov/truancy #EveryKidCounts

Modest investments = large improvements in attendance, .@AGKamalaHarris report finds www.oag.ca.gov/truancy #EveryKidCounts

Check out .@AGKamalaHarris 2016 report on CA elementary school absenteeism www.oag.ca.gov/truancy/2016 to learn why #EveryKidCounts

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT:

Chronic absence rates are disproportionately high for certain groups of students and are concentrated in a small number of schools and districts:

- 77% of all chronically absent students are low-income
- The chronic absence rate for African American students (14%) is 2X the rate for all students
- 50% of chronically absent students in our sample attend 20% of schools and 10% of districts; 25% attend 7% of schools and 3% of districts

Suspensions exacerbate the attendance crisis, with an outsized impact on African American students, low-income students, and students with disabilities:

- African American students represent 22% of suspensions and 28% of students suspended more than 3 days, but only 5% of the overall K-5 student population
- 55% of students who had more than one suspension were also chronically absent
- Low-income students account for 82% of all suspensions; 30% involve students with disabilities; foster children are suspended at 2.5X the rate of all students

In School + On Track 2016 outlines significant progress made in the past year in increasing awareness of the importance of attendance within school districts, tracking attendance year over year, and rethinking discipline policies that remove students from the classroom. California is stepping up to address attendance concerns:

- In the 2013, just over half of districts surveyed said they tracked student attendance data over time. In 2016, 85% of districts reported that they do.
- 99% of surveyed school districts report that they implemented policy and program changes, or plan to during the 2016-2017 school year
- 80% of school districts surveyed cite an increased awareness of attendance issues as a reason for changes in their attendance programs.

Background from Previous Reports

Attorney General Harris' 2013 *In School* + *On Track* (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2013) report contained the first statewide statistics on California's elementary school truancy crisis & directly linked public education and public safety. Annually, **dropouts cost California taxpayers an estimated \$46.4 billion** in incarceration, lost productivity, & lost taxes.

The 2014 In School + On Track report (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2014) released updated data & looked specifically at gaps in state infrastructure for collecting attendance information & at disparities in student attendance & discipline by race, income, & other subgroups such as foster youth.

In School + On Track 2015 (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2015) included new data on racial disparities in suspensions as well as **high rates of elementary absenteeism in the earliest grades**. The report also detailed progress made in increasing awareness of the importance of attendance within school districts, using Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) to set clear goals to reduce truancy and chronic absenteeism, tracking attendance year over year, and investing in discipline policies that reduce time away from the classroom.

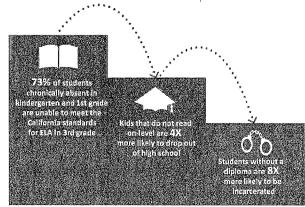
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FACT SHEET

Attorney General Kamala D. Harris issued her fourth annual statewide report on elementary school truancy and chronic absence in California, In School + On Track 2016. Drawing from four years of longitudinal data—a sample of almost half a million K-5 students—this year's report includes the most comprehensive analysis to-date on the high rates of absenteeism among California's elementary school students. The report finds that California continues to face an attendance crisis, one that disproportionately affects African American, Native American, and Pacific Islander students, special education students, and foster and homeless youth.



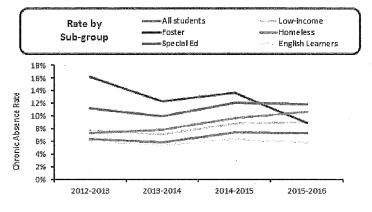
Chronic Absence is one of the strongest predictors of dropping out,
even more than suspensions and test scores.

Chronic absence affects students' long-term success

- Three-quarters of students who were chronically absent in K & 1st grade did not meet the California state standards in 3rd grade for math and English language arts (ELA).
- Chronically absent elementary students are more likely to fall behind academically, less likely to graduate from high school, & more likely to be unemployed, on public assistance, or victims or perpetrators of crime.

Chronic absence rates are disproportionately high for certain groups of students

Disproportionally High Chronic Absence



- In 2015-16, an estimated 210,000 K-5 students (7.3%) were chronically absent
- 77% of all chronically absent students are lowincome
- The chronic absence rate for African American students (14%) is 2X the rate for all students
- The chronic absence rate for **Native American** students is **16**%
- Special Education students have a chronic absence rate of 12%
- Foster students have a chronic absence rate of almost 9%, about 2 percentage points greater than non-foster students

Chronically absent students are concentrated in a small number of schools and districts

• 50% of chronically absent students in our sample attend 20% of schools and 10% of districts; 25% attend 7% of schools and 3% of districts

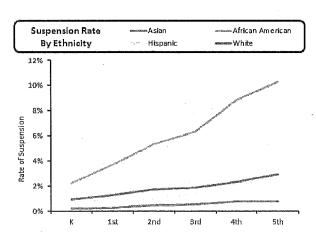
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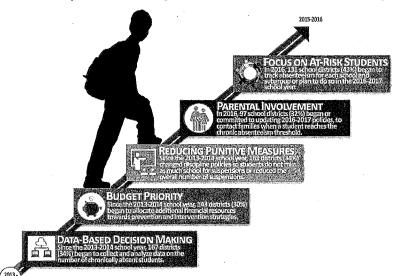
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Suspensions exacerbate the attendance crisis, with an outsized impact on African American students, low-income students, and students with disabilities

- African American students represent 22% of suspensions
 28% of students suspended more than 3 days,
 but only 5% of the overall K-5 student population
- 55% of students who had more than one suspension were also chronically absent
- Low-income students account for 82% of all suspensions; 30% involve students with disabilities; foster children are suspended at 2.5X the rate of all students



Over the past several years, districts have taken steps to improve elementary school attendance



In the 2013, just over ½ of districts surveyed said they tracked student attendance data over time. In 2016, 85% of districts reported that they do

99% of surveyed school districts report that they implemented policy and program changes, or plan to during the 2016-2017 school year, to improve elementary school attendance

80% of school districts surveyed cite an increased awareness of attendance issues as a reason for changes in their attendance programs. Nearly 70% of school districts attributed their changing practices, in part, to their LCAP

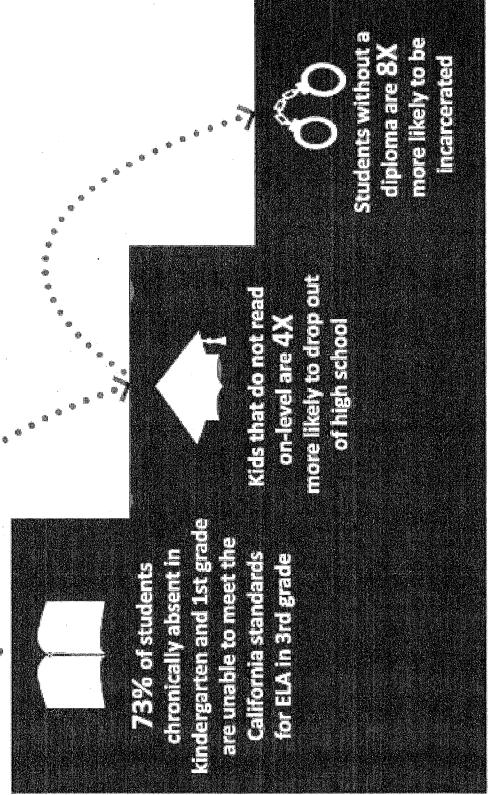
Background from Previous Reports

Attorney General Harris' 2013 *In School + On Track* (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2013) report contained the first statewide statistics on California's elementary school truancy crisis & directly linked public education and public safety. Annually, **dropouts cost California taxpayers an estimated \$46.4 billion** in incarceration, lost productivity, & lost taxes.

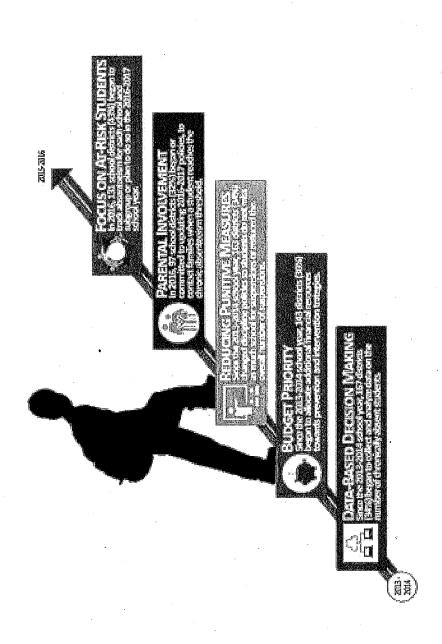
The 2014 In School + On Track report (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2014) released updated data & looked specifically at gaps in state infrastructure for collecting attendance information & at disparities in student attendance & discipline by race, income, & other subgroups such as foster youth.

In School + On Track 2015 (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2015) included new data on racial disparities in suspensions as well as **high rates of elementary absenteeism in the earliest grades**. The report also detailed progress made in increasing awareness of the importance of attendance within school districts, using Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) to set clear goals to reduce truancy and chronic absenteeism, tracking attendance year over year, and investing in discipline policies that reduce time away from the classroom.

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Chronic Absence is one of the strongest predictors of dropping out, even more than suspensions and test scores.



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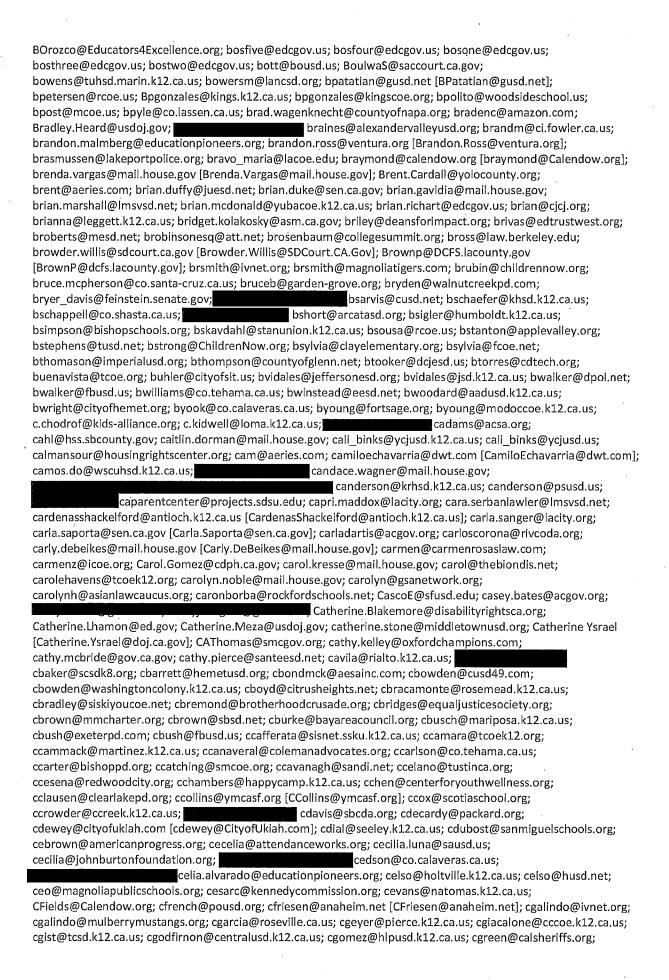
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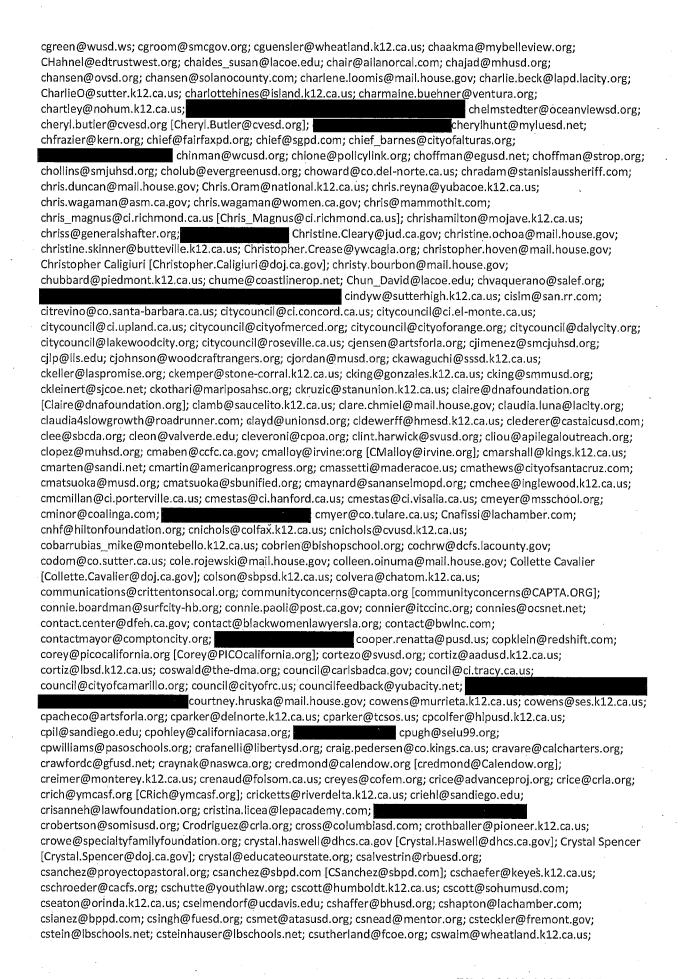
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Subject:

AG Harris Releases 2016 Elementary School Truancy & Chronic Absence Report

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Dear Colleagues:

Yesterday Attorney General Kamala D. Harris issued In School + On Track 2016, her fourth annual statewide report on elementary school truancy and chronic absence in California.

The 2016 report, part of the work of the Department's Bureau of Children's Justice, finds that an estimated 210,000 K-5 students in California are chronically absent - missing 10% of the school year - making up 7.3% of elementary school students in the state. The report also confirms earlier research on the disproportionately high rates of absenteeism among African American, Native American, low-income, special education and highly mobile elementary school students, and highlights how school suspensions similarly have an outsized impact on many of these same groups of students.

The good news is that significant progress is being made, with California's education leaders at schools, districts, and county offices of education stepping up to improve elementary school attendance. The report highlights a number of effective efforts taking place at school districts and in regions throughout the state, and outlines ways parents, districts, policymakers, and advocates can work together to ensure that children are in school and on track to meet their full potential.

Below are some of the main findings from the report, which you can read in its entirety online at: http://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2016. A fact sheet, images for sharing on social media, and sample tweets are included as well. You can also download other graphs and images from the report, as the vast majority are downloadable.

Please share the link to the report and the attached fact sheet with your networks and on social media with the hashtag #EveryKidCounts.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback.

Thank you for your commitment to serving all of California's children.

Best,

Shannon K. Hovis, MPP, MST Senior Policy Advisor California Department of Justice Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris 455 Golden Gate Ave., Suite 14500 San Francisco, CA 94102

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SAMPLE TWEETS:

.@AGKamalaHarris truancy report shows CA making progress, school districts committing to improvement www.oag.ca.gov/truancy #EveryKidCounts

Modest investments = large improvements in attendance, .@AGKamalaHarris report finds www.oag.ca.gov/truancy #EveryKidCounts

Check out .@AGKamalaHarris 2016 report on CA elementary school absenteeism www.oag.ca.gov/truancy/2016 to learn why #EveryKidCounts

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT:

Chronic absence rates are disproportionately high for certain groups of students and are concentrated in a small number of schools and districts:

- 77% of all chronically absent students are low-income
- The chronic absence rate for African American students (14%) is 2X the rate for all students
- 50% of chronically absent students in our sample attend 20% of schools and 10% of districts; 25% attend 7% of schools and 3% of districts

Suspensions exacerbate the attendance crisis, with an outsized impact on African American students, low-income students, and students with disabilities:

- African American students represent 22% of suspensions and 28% of students suspended more than 3 days, but only 5% of the overall K-5 student population
- 55% of students who had more than one suspension were also chronically absent

• Low-income students account for 82% of all suspensions; 30% involve students with disabilities; foster children are suspended at 2.5X the rate of all students

In School + On Track 2016 outlines significant progress made in the past year in increasing awareness of the importance of attendance within school districts, tracking attendance year over year, and rethinking discipline policies that remove students from the classroom. California is stepping up to address attendance concerns:

- In the 2013, just over half of districts surveyed said they tracked student attendance data over time. In 2016, 85% of districts reported that they do.
- 99% of surveyed school districts report that they implemented policy and program changes, or plan to during the 2016-2017 school year
- 80% of school districts surveyed cite an increased awareness of attendance issues as a reason for changes in their attendance programs.

Background from Previous Reports

Attorney General Harris' 2013 *In School* + *On Track* (https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2013) report contained the first statewide statistics on California's elementary school truancy crisis & directly linked public education and public safety. Annually, **dropouts cost California taxpayers an estimated \$46.4 billion** in incarceration, lost productivity, & lost taxes.

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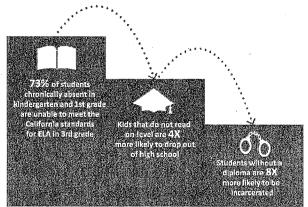
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FACT SHEET

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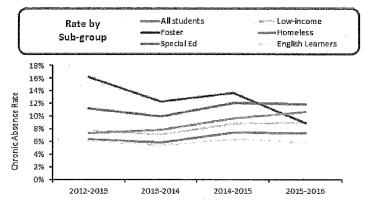
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Chronic absence affects students' long-term success

- Three-quarters of students who were chronically absent in K & 1st grade did not meet the California state standards in 3rd grade for math and English language arts (ELA).
- Chronically absent elementary students are more likely to fall behind academically, less likely to graduate from high school, & more likely to be unemployed, on public assistance, or victims or perpetrators of crime.

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- The chronic absence rate for **Native American** students is **16**%
- **Special Education** students have a chronic absence rate of 12%
- Foster students have a chronic absence rate of almost 9%, about 2 percentage points greater than non-foster students

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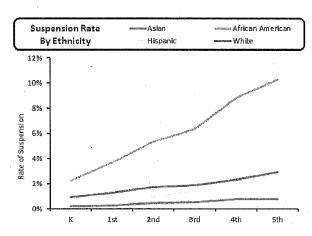
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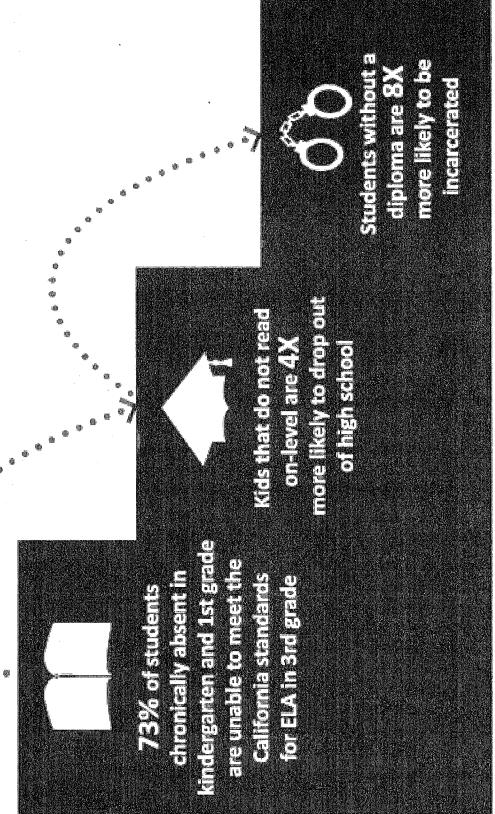
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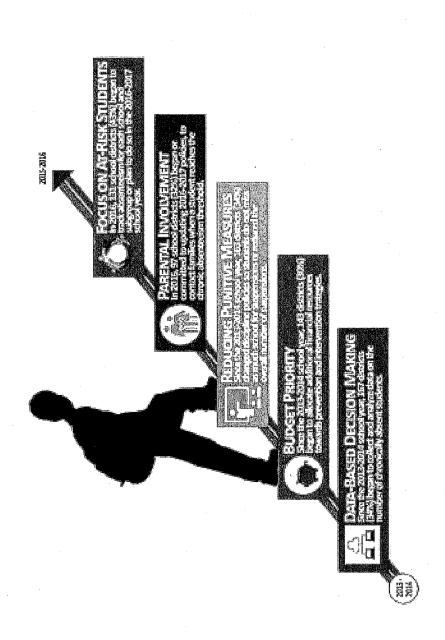
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From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

10/6/2016 1:37:48 PM

To:

Claire Van Zuiden [claire@calstrat.com]

Subject:

RE: Invite: NextEV North American HQ Grand Opening Celebration

Good afternoon,

This acknowledges receipt of your invitation request. The request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of

Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: Claire Van Zuiden [mailto:claire@calstrat.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 12:38 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral **Cc:** Ted Harris

Subject: Invite: NextEV North American HQ Grand Opening Celebration

Importance: High

The Honorable Attorney General Kamala Harris,

We would be honored for you to lead the Grand Opening of NextEV's North America Headquarters in San Jose, California at 11am on Thursday, October 13th.

NextEV is an advanced technology company producing electric vehicles for the premium mass market, with locations in San Jose, Shanghai, Munich, London and Hong Kong. NextEV's mission is to create cars at a price point that will optimized for a much larger segment of the car buying population, which will scale and drive deployment of zero-emissions vehicles worldwide. NextEV has committed to invest over \$138 million and create nearly 1000 full-time jobs in California over the next 5 years.

NextEV will provide zero-emission vehicles that will help achieve federal and state environmental, energy and economic goals.

Your participation would highlight California's leadership in the development and deployment of zero-emission vehicles and commitment to increase the use of electric vehicles and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the significant investment and job growth that the electric vehicle industry provides to the state.

Please let us know your interest and availability to host this event on Thursday, October 13th.

Thank you!

Claire van Zuiden Associate

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From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

9/29/2016 1:17:06 PM

To:

Tracy Keough [tracy@ororkeinc.com]

Subject:

RE: Invitations for Attorney General Harris to delivery morning Keynote on Friday, October 14, 2016

Good afternoon,

This acknowledges receipt of your invitation request. The request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: Tracy Keough [mailto:tracy@ororkeinc.com] **Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2016 10:20 AM

To: AttorneyGeneral

Subject: Invitations for Attorney General Harris to delivery morning Keynote on Friday, October 14, 2016

Greetings,

Per my brief conversation with Kelly in your executive office, and on behalf of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, I would like to invite Attorney General Harris to deliver the Friday morning, October 14, 2016 Keynote at Climate Forward Bay Area: A Leadership Forum. The full event will be held Thursday, October 13 and Friday, October 14, 2016 at the Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco and will coalesce Bay Area wide planning and sustainability offices, elected officials, regional business and technology industry leaders, NGOs and academia. The full agenda may be found here.

CNN Political Contributor and *The New York Times* best-selling author Van Jones will deliver the Friday afternoon Keynote, and ARB Chair Mary Nichols, Senator Fran Pavley, Climate Scientist Chris Field, EPA Region 9 Acting Administrator Alexis Strauss, the Water Foundation CEO Wade Crowfoot, MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger, Google Transportation Director Brendon Harrington, and Renew Financial CEO Cisco DeVries are all confirmed participants. We will also have speakers from Intel, Ford and other Bay Area elected officials and climate experts.

Attorney General Harris was on our 'must have' list months ago, but with her Senate race, we thought there was a potential legal conflict of interest for the agency. We now know there is not and are so hopeful of her participation. With her Bay Area roots, her leadership on climate and as a whip-smart orator, she is an ideal candidate to inspire our participants.

The Air District has a strong history of hosting impactful climate events. On November 11, 2006, during its 50th anniversary year, the Air District hosted the 2006 Climate Protection Summit with a keynote address by Vice President AI Gore, on the heels of the release of "An Inconvenient Truth." At the 2006 Climate Summit, the Air District announced a \$3 million grant program to fund projects and programs to help protect the climate by reducing greenhouse

gas emissions - the first of its kind by a public agency in California. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Air District and the 25th anniversary of the Spare the Air program.

In 2009, the Governor (then Attorney General) spoke at the Air District's Climate Action Leadership Summit at the Fox Theater in Oakland. His presence and message helped catalyze participant commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Bay Area and increased investment in Climate Action Plans at the local level.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Tracy Keough

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Sent:

9/29/2016 12:13:56 PM

To: Subject: Maureen Ochi Sides [maureenos@berkeley.edu]
RE: An Invitation to Speak at the Berkeley Forum

Good afternoon,

This acknowledges receipt of your invitation request. The request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: Maureen Ochi Sides [mailto:maureenos@berkeley.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 12:52 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral

Subject: An Invitation to Speak at the Berkeley Forum

Dear California Attorney General Harris,

On behalf of the Berkeley Forum, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to speak at UC Berkeley. Your tremendous achievements in California Politics have been truly inspirational to the students of Berkeley who have repeatedly requested to hear you speak. I do hope that you will able to honor us by addressing the Berkeley community during this fall term.

Established in 2012, the Berkeley Forum is a non-partisan, student-run organization that organizes panels, debates, and talks on a wide range of topical, intellectually stimulating subjects. Over the past two years, we have had the pleasure of hosting U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, Khan Academy Founder Sal Khan, ACLU President Susan Herman, California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, and a number of other experts from diverse fields.

It would be an honor to host you at the Forum, as we are excited by your tenure both as District Attorney of San Francisco and as Attorney General of California, where you've been repeatedly praised for your work to offer second chances to populations of formerly incarcerated persons. Our students would be delighted to hear your views on the importance of civil rights in today's society or your current bid for Senate, as well as insights from any stage of your career. Hosting you as a speaker on any topic would be an absolute privilege.

The talk will be open to the students and faculty of the University and to the residents of the city of Berkeley. You should look forward to an engaged and enthusiastic student audience. Afterward, a video of the talk will be posted on our website and distributed online so it can be enjoyed by a wider audience. The event can be as visible as you like, with media coverage at your discretion.

If you choose to speak, you should be prepared to deliver a 10-30 minute address and to answer questions from the audience. Speaker addresses are usually followed by an interview with one of our student moderators, although the event can be tailored to fit any format you wish. Once you have confirmed your attendance, we will work with you up until the event to choose a more specific topic. We will also send you logistical information and details about the event.

This session will run from **October 10, 2016** to **December 2, 2016** and we would be thrilled to host you at any time between these dates. Please let us know whether you will be able to participate by replying to this email. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Maureen Ochi Sides

Debates and Panels Manager The Committee on Programming The Berkeley Forum maureenos@berkeley.edu info@forum.berkeley.edu (510) 325-4896

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From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

9/29/2016 11:44:19 AM

To:

SACHIN DEV HOLDHEIM [sholdheim@berkeley.edu]

Subject:

RE: An Invitation to Speak at the Berkeley Forum

Good morning,

Thank you for your follow-up email. Your email has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: SACHIN DEV HOLDHEIM [mailto:sholdheim@berkeley.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 12:19 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral

Subject: Re: An Invitation to Speak at the Berkeley Forum

Hello,

I was wondering if you had any updates regarding a possible event with Attorney-General Harris at UC Berkeley in the coming months? I understand that it is an exceptionally busy time for her at the moment, but we feel that the dialogue that she would be able to inspire here at the University through a publicly accessible, well-attended event would be inspirational and motivational to the student body as a whole - Attorney-General Harris is one of our most requested speakers.

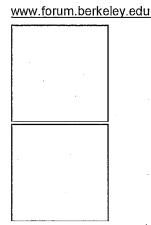
The Berkeley Forum is a non-partisan, entirely student-run organization dedicated to fostering community dialogue through planning debates, panels, and talks attended by the campus, city, and local Bay Area communities. A few of our events this semester include the current U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam speaking on LGBT rights abroad and the new era of personal diplomacy, the former Chief Economist of the Department of Labor to speak on income inequality and social mobility, and an immigrant rights advocate to speak on the undocumented experience in the workplace - we know that Attorney-General Harris' experience with criminal justice reform and public education policy would be highly relevant and valued on campus.

Again, we understand that this is a very busy time for Attorney-General Harris - but we at the Berkeley Forum and the campus at large would be incredibly excited and grateful if Attorney-General Harris could make it up to Berkeley sometime between October 1st and December 2nd.

Thank you again!

Sachin Holdheim

Talks Manager | The Events Committee The Berkeley Forum sholdheim@berkeley.edu info@forum.berkeley.edu (650) 704-0521



On Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 9:47 AM, AttorneyGeneral < AttorneyGeneral@doj.ca.gov > wrote: Good morning,

This acknowledges receipt of your invitation request. The request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: SACHIN DEV HOLDHEIM [mailto:sholdheim@berkeley.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 4:24 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral

Subject: An Invitation to Speak at the Berkeley Forum

Dear Madam Attorney General,

On behalf of the Berkeley Forum, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to speak at UC Berkeley. Your tremendous achievements in the legal and political worlds across California and the nation have been truly inspirational to the students of Berkeley who have repeatedly requested to hear you speak. I do hope that you will able to honor us by addressing the Berkeley community during this fall term.

Established in 2012, the Berkeley Forum is a non-partisan, student-run organization that organizes panels, debates, and talks on a wide range of topical, intellectually stimulating subjects. Over the past two years, we have had the pleasure of hosting U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, Khan Academy Founder Sal Khan, ACLU President Susan Herman, California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, and a number of other experts from diverse fields.

It would be an honor to host you at the Forum, as we are excited by your journey through local and state politics and your role in the upcoming election. Our students would be delighted to hear your views on this year's presidential and senatorial elections, criminal justice reform, or public education, as well as your insights from any stage of your career. Indeed, hosting you as a speaker on any topic would be an absolute privilege.

The talk will be open to the students and faculty of the University and to the residents of the city of Berkeley and the surrounding area. You should look forward to an engaged and enthusiastic student audience. Afterward, a video of the talk will be posted on our website and distributed online so it can be enjoyed by a wider audience. The event can be as visible as you like, with media coverage at your discretion.

If you choose to speak, you should be prepared to deliver a 10-30 minute address and to answer questions from the audience. Speaker addresses are usually followed by an interview with one of our student moderators, although the event can be tailored to fit any format you wish. Once you have confirmed your attendance, we will work with you up until the event to choose a more specific topic. We will also send you logistical information and details about the event.

This session will run from **October 1, 2016** to **November 18, 2016** and we would be thrilled to host you at any time between these dates. Please let us know whether you will be able to participate by replying to this email. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Sachin Holdheim

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From:

Sent:

9/28/2016 11:21:58 AM

To:

Seniors

Subject:

Kamala Harris, Planned Parenthood teamed up on legislation targeting David Daleiden, emails show - Washington

Times

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/sep/27/kamala-harris-planned-parenthood-teamed-up-on-legi/

From:

Sent:

9/27/2016 4:12:06 PM

To:

Seniors

Subject:

NYTimes: U.S. Accuses Tech Firm Palantir of Bias Against Asian Engineers

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Palantir Technologies, which helped the government find Osama bin Laden, could lose its federal contracts in a discrimination suit.

From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

9/27/2016 11:34:43 AM

To:

Wendy James [wendy@betterworldgroup.com]

Subject:

RE: Requesting support for this Presidential Memorandum - great opportunity

Good morning,

This acknowledges receipt of your request. The request is with the Executive Staff for consideration. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of

Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: Wendy James [mailto:wendy@betterworldgroup.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 9:44 AM

To: AttorneyGeneral

Subject: FW: Requesting support for this Presidential Memorandum - great opportunity

Importance: High

Following up on this request. Please let me know if there is anyone in particular I should speak with. Thank you.

From: Sally Magnani [mailto:Sally.Magnani@doj.ca.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 4:54 PM

To: Wendy James < wendy@betterworldgroup.com >

Subject: RE: Requesting support for this Presidential Memorandum - great opportunity

I have forwarded your email to the AG's Executive Office. The contact email is attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov

From: Wendy James [mailto:wendy@betterworldgroup.com]

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 3:16 PM

To: Sally Magnani

Subject: Requesting support for this Presidential Memorandum - great opportunity

Importance: High

Hi Sally - I hope you are the right contact in Kamala's office. My friend Sean Hecht at UCLA suggested I start with you. We've been working with a group of folks called the Next 100 Coalition (see: next100coalition.org). They're pushing President Obama to issue a Presidential Memorandum that would ensure greater diversity among the sites, stories, and workforce of our public lands agencies such as the Park Service and Forest Service.

They've secured support for this policy ask from:

- == US Congress, including Rep. Chu, Sen. Feinstein and many, many more
- == Members of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, including La Raza
- == Nation's largest green groups such as the League of Conservation Voters
- == 6,800 signatures on petition
- == Leading editorial boards, including the San Francisco Chronicle
- == More than 9 in 10 African American, Latino, and Asian American voters

So far, the White House has not been terribly responsive. We'd like to see if someone with some clout (like your boss) would email <u>Valerie Jarrett</u> and <u>Cecilia Munoz</u> and demand action on this Presidential Memorandum? We could draft the email to make it easy for you! Let me know what you think. Thanks!

Wendy James, CEO
The Better World Group
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From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

9/27/2016 9:29:34 AM

To:

Mike Montgomery [rmm@seniors.org]

Subject:

Letter from AG Harris

Attachments: Letter from AG re Congress of Calif Seniors Annual Conf 10-25-16.pdf

Attached is a digital letter from Attorney General Kamala D. Harris for your upcoming event. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office.

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris (916) 324-5437

From: Mike Montgomery [mailto:rmm@seniors.org]

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 2:43 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral

Subject: Letter of Welcome to CCS

Dear Scheduler for Attorney General Kamala Harris,

The Congress of California Seniors is holding its 2016 Conference in Los Angeles on October 25th. CCS would very much appreciate a letter of welcome from General Harris to attendees of the conference. Here, attached, is the flyer about our event and suggested language for a letter of greeting. Please do not hesitate to call or email me concerning this matter. Thanks.

Mike Montgomery Congress of California Seniors 1230 N Street Suite 201 Sacramento, CA 95814 916-442-4474 1-800-543-3352



STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

KAMALA D. HARRIS ATTORNEY GENERAL

October 25, 2016

Dear Senior Advocates,

On behalf of the Department of Justice, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 39th Annual Convention of the Congress of California Seniors.

For over three decades, the high standards and leadership of the Congress of California Seniors have created positive change to improve the quality of life of seniors. I applaud the efforts of your organization to address important issues affecting millions of older citizens who reside in California. Your strong advocacy and partnership with senior advocates across the state are commendable, and together your work truly makes a difference, leaving a lasting impact on many lives and future generations.

I thank you for your commitment to the well-being of our state and its citizens, and extend my best wishes for a productive convention.

Sincerely,

KAMALA D. HARRIS

From:

Sent:

9/24/2016 4:17:37 PM

To:

 $Nathan\ Barankin\ [Nathan.Barankin\@doj.ca.gov]$

Subject:

NYTimes: Dede Wilsey Is the Defiant Socialite

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She has power in the San Francisco arts scene. Her critics don't like the way she's used it.

From:

Sent:

9/23/2016 8:52:30 PM

To:

David Beltran [David.Beltran@doj.ca.gov]

CC:

Seniors

Subject:

Re: Tweet by Phillip Atiba Goff $\overline{\tau}\square$ on Twitter

On Sep 23, 2016, at 6:46 PM, David

wrote:

Really great reply to your Tweet on SB71. This guy is the pre-eminent scholar on equitable policing.



Phillip Atiba Goff Tale (@DrPhilGoff)

9/23/16, 4:58 PM

Y'all don't know it, but this is a very big deal. Pay attention to what CA is doing with police data. It matters for the country. twitter.com/kamalaharris/s...

<u>Download</u> the Twitter app

Sent from my iPhone

From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

9/22/2016 10:38:31 AM

To:

Bill Newberry (bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us) [bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us]

Subject:

Re: Revised Letter from Attorney General

Good morning,

This acknowledges receipt of your invitation request. The request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: Bill Newberry [mailto:bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us]

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:39 PM

To: Jennifer King

Subject: Re: Revised Letter from Attorney General

Ms. King

I hope all is well with you, and again my sincerest appreciation for the earlier support. As the president of Riverside County School Boards, every year we host a Joint Conference to include San Bernardino County. This year the conference is on October 24th at 6PM at the Ontario Convention Center. Typically about 40 different school districts come together for this conference to include school board members, superintendents and stakeholders in education. The title of this years conference is *The Importance of Leadership, Systems and Collaboration, Remembering the San Bernardino Tragedy of 2015*. We will have a panel to discuss their roles and decisions that had to be made on the day of the shooting. On the panel will be the director of the Regional Center where the shooting took place who lost 14 of her employees in front of her; along with San Bernardino Sheriff John McMahon; Jarrod Burguan, San Bernardino City Chief of Police and Ted Alejandre, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Since this is a joint conference, and I am the coordinator, it would be my honor to invite Ms. Harris to this event, and if she desired she could say a few words. We have an invitation pending with the FBI. We usually have about 400 in attendance. Please let me know if there are any questions.

All the best, Bill



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Bill Newberry
President
Riverside County School Boards Association

From: Jennifer King < Jennifer.King@doj.ca.gov Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 2:42:05 PM

To: Bill Newberry

Subject: RE: Revised Letter from Attorney General

Hope your event was a great success. Thanks!

Jennifer King
Executive Assistant
California Department of Justice
Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000
San Francisco, CA 94102

415-703-5428 Jennifer.King@doj.ca.gov

----Original Message-----From: Jennifer King

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:36 PM

To: 'Bill Newberry'

Subject: RE: Revised Letter from Attorney General

p.s. your website is working again. No fire alarm!

----Original Message----

From: Bill Newberry [mailto:bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:24 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral Cc: Jennifer King

Subject: Re: Revised Letter from Attorney General

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Thank You,
Bill Newberry
> On Apr 20, 2016, at 2:18 PM, AttorneyGeneral < AttorneyGeneral@doj.ca.gov > wrote:
> Per your request, two hard copies in two folders have been sent today to your attention (via Golden State Overnight).
> ----Original Message-----
> From: Bill Newberry [mailto:bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us]
> Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:08 PM
> To: AttorneyGeneral
> Cc: Jennifer King
> Subject: Re: Revised Letter from Attorney General
> If possible two hard copies with two folders.
> Thank You,
> Bill Newberry
>> On Apr 20, 2016, at 12:40 PM, AttorneyGeneral <a href="AttorneyGeneral@doj.ca.gov">AttorneyGeneral@doj.ca.gov</a> wrote:
>> Attached is a revised letter. The hardcopy letter will be presented in a DOJ folder. The hardcopy letters are being sent via overnight
mail today.
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>> From: Bill Newberry [mailto:bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us]
>> Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:31 PM
>> To: Attorney General
>> Cc: Jennifer King
>> Subject: Re: Revised Letter from Attorney General
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>> Let's make one change. Second paragraph, first sentence, where it says Riverside, replace with Inland Empire.
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>> Also, do you have any type of DOJ cover or folder I can use to present these in?
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>> Address:
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>> Corona-Norco Unified School District
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>> Attn: Bill Newberry
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>> 2820 Clark Avenue
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>> Norco, CA 92860
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>> Thank you,
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>> Bill
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Thank you!

>> Board of Education

>> Corona-Norco Unified School District
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>> President
>> Riverside County School Boards Association
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>> Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:20 PM
>> To: Bill Newberry
>> Cc: Jennifer King
>> Subject: Revised Letter from Attorney General
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>> Mr. Newberry, attached is a revised letter. A hardcopy letter will also be sent via overnight mail. Please verify the address where
the letter should be sent to. Thanks. Sue
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>> From: Attorney General >> Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 10:49 AM
>> To: 'bnewberry@cnusd.k12.ca.us'
>> Cc: Jennifer King
>> Subject: Letter from Attorney General
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>> Attached is a digital letter from Attorney General Harris for your program. If you have any questions, feel free to respond to this
email or contact Jennifer King 415-703-5428. Best wishes for a successful event.
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From:

AttorneyGeneral [attorneygeneral@doj.ca.gov]

Sent:

9/22/2016 10:33:40 AM

To: Subject: Gramiccioni, Deborah [gramiccioni@mercury.law.nyu.edu]
RE: Invitation to Participate in Roundtable at NYU Law School

Good morning,

This acknowledges receipt of your invitation request. The request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's scheduling team. If you need to follow up with our office, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

From: Gramiccioni, Deborah [mailto:gramiccioni@mercury.law.nyu.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 2:39 PM

To: AttorneyGeneral **Cc:** Gramiccioni, Deborah

Subject: Invitation to Participate in Roundtable at NYU Law School

Dear Attorney General Harris,

I hope this email finds you well. I write to invite you to participate in a closed-door roundtable at NYU Law School on Friday, December 2. By way of introduction, I am a former federal and state prosecutor, and I ran criminal prosecutions and investigations for the state of New Jersey. I now run the Center on the Administration of Criminal Law at NYU Law School and teach the local prosecution clinic at the law school.

Our Center focuses on criminal justice reform and, in particular, the pivotal role of the prosecutor in helping to achieve such reform. Our

Center has taken on a number of criminal justice reform initiatives, including publishing a widely-cited report on conviction integrity units in prosecutor's offices. We are now focusing on prisoner reentry, having received funding to specifically study the role of the prosecutor in facilitating reentry and reducing recidivism. Because you are a leading voice in this field, I am hoping you are able to participate in our programming.

Specifically, I am hoping you would be interested in participating in a one-day roundtable at NYU law school on Friday, December 2nd. Our one-day roundtable will be an opportunity for head prosecutors around the country to come together with the policy leaders in the field to discuss innovations, and what prosecutors are doing and should be doing in this space. This roundtable will not be open to the public; rather, it will serve as an opportunity for 10 lead prosecutors and policy-makers from around the country to share promising ideas, voice concerns, and identify hurdles to implementation. As a former supervisor at both the federal and state level, I know first-hand the dearth of training and information that many prosecutors get in this field of reentry, but I am hoping we can bring together the leaders to try to build some consensus around certain tools that prosecutors can use.

Former NJ Attorney General Anne Milgram has agreed to moderate the roundtable, so I am hoping that you will be able to lend your expertise to our initiative. Please let me know if you are available, and I am happy to send you more information.

My best, Deb Gramiccioni